

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-3, 5-8, 12, 14, 16 and 18 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 9-11, 13, 15, 17 and 19-24 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Ogura U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/139675; claims 1 and 3 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Goodman U.S. Patent No. 6,616,613; and claims 12 and 14 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Goodman.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 12 to overcome these rejections. Applicants' claims 1 and 12, as amended, include a display unit that shows measured and calculated information on a graph in two dimensions, along with prescription information based on the correlation between the measured and calculated information. An example of this is found in applicants' Fig. 7, showing measured information (blood pressure) on one axis and a calculated index, AI, on another axis on a two-dimensional graph. The display section also shows the names of medicines to be prescribed in a quadrant of the display based on the correlation of an AI level and a blood pressure value. Support for these amendments is also found in the specification at page 25, line 4-page 26, line 25. This logic also disposes of the rejections of claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 14, which depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 12.

The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman in view of Hatschek U.S. Patent No. 5,309,916. In view of the amendment to claim 1, claims 7 and 8 are now patentable since they depend indirectly from claim 1.

The Examiner rejected claims 16 and 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman in view of Tanaka U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0077960. In view of the amendment to claim 12, claims 16 and 18 are patentable since claim 16 depends indirectly from claim 12 and claim 18 depends directly from claim 16.


The various rejections of claims 4, 9-11, 13, 15, 17 and 19-24 are now moot in view of the amendments canceling those claims. In view of the above, each of the pending claims in this

application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants solicit early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **163852020000**.

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